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1. Jet fighters were flown at the Brandenburg-Briest (N 53/2 13) airfield between 20 and 24 March 1950. Biplanes and conventional fighters flew on 22 and 23 March 1950 between 8 p.m. and midnight. Twenty-eight jet fighters with green camouflage coverings and six conventional fighters were parked at the southern edge of the field.
2. A radio mast, about six-meters long was set up in the southwest corner of the airfield, about 250 meters east of the Kaltenhausen Vorwerk (outlying part of the Kaltenhausen Farm). Two radio trucks with box-like superstructure, one carrying a generator, were parked by the mast. This radio station was about 100 meters south of a tent with four radio masts around it, which was previously reported. The airfield was **constantly** guarded by patrols with dogs. The dog kennels were near the Vorwerk mentioned.
3. Twenty-eight swept-back-wing jet fighters with green camouflage coverings were parked in front of the former flight control station on the southern edge of the field on 26 March 1950. There was no flying. Both radio stations were still at the field.
4. Four jet fighters (swept-back wings, single-seat, silver paint) and fifteen conventional fighters (radial engine, single-seat, painted gray) were parked at the eastern edge of the airfield on 6 April 1950. There was practice flying with the conventional fighters. Searchlights were operated at night. The jet fighters had not flown for two weeks. A new radio station, with about 13-meter radio mast, a radio truck and three ordinary trucks, was set up at the airfield. North of it was a tent surrounded by four masts, about six

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meters high. Both installations were in the western part of the field.

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a. [REDACTED] confirm the previous assumption that the Brandenburg-Briest airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment. This regiment had LA-9s before receiving Type 14 jet aircraft. A maximum of 28 jet planes has been seen at the airfield at the same time. The regiment apparently has not been completely re-equipped with jet planes. As the number of LA-9s has recently decreased it is assumed that some of them were shipped away.

b. The information on night flying activity of fighters (apparently supported by searchlights) is noteworthy. The fighter regiment apparently is also being trained in night flying.

c. The presence of the two radio stations seen by both sources is considered credible, but the locations reported do not agree.

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